

Legal Notice for the *Polk County Itemizer-Observer* and *the Corvallis Gazette_times* Newspapers, to be published the week of September 1, 2003.

Notice of Meadow Restoration Project Decision

The Marys Peak Resource Area, Salem District, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) plans to implement the Meadow Restoration Project listed below:

Proposed Action:

Project locations are: T7S-R6W, Sec. 4 & 5, T7S-R6W, Sec. 7, T7S-R7W, Sec. 9, T7S-R7W, Sec. 23, T8S-R6W, Sec. 5, T9S-R7W, Sec. 9, T12S-R8W, Sec. 7, T14S-R7W, Sec. 31, T15S-R7W, Sec. 4, T15S-R7W, Sec. 7, and T15S-R8W, Sec. 6.

Meadow habitat would be restored on approximately 207 acres of meadow and up to 73 acres of meadow perimeter in eleven locations in the Coast Range west of Salem and Corvallis. Conifer trees that have become recently established within meadow habitat would be cut, burned or girdled, fuel would be piled and burned, native vegetation would be seeded, snag habitat would be created, and Oregon white oak associated with dry meadows would be enhanced through release from overtopping conifer, thinning, and planting. Prescribed burning would be used where appropriate to remove conifer, enhance native vegetation, reduce fuels, and reduce weeds.

An environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact was signed by the Marys Peak Resource Area Field Manager and were made available for public review and comment July 7, 2003 through August 8, 2003.

The decision is in conformance with the *Record of Decision for the Salem District Resource Management Plan* (RMP) signed in May 1995. An Environmental Assessment and a Finding of No Significant Impact for the proposed project have been completed and can be obtained from the Salem District Office, 1717 Fabry Road SE, Salem, Oregon, 97306.

Appeals Process: Within 30 days of publication of this notification, individuals have the right to appeal this decision to the BLM, Salem District Manager and thereafter appeal to the Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations of 43 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 4. The appeal to the District Manager must be filed in writing to the Salem District Office of the Bureau of Land Management. If no appeals are filed, this decision will become effective and be implemented after 30 days of the date of this notification.

For more information about the project, contact Hugh Snook at (503) 315-5964.